

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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**TO:** All District 5 County Extension Agents and 1890 Agents

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**SUBJECT:** 2015 District 4-H Photography Contest

The guidelines for the District Photography Contest are attached. Please remind all participants that this contest is ***not*** a qualifying contest for the State competition and that the State Photography Contest during Texas 4-H Roundup is available only to senior 4-H members. State information is available on-line at the following URL.  
[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography\\_contest](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography_contest)

The District Office will be accepting entries until February 25, 2015. All contestant registration information should be completed on 4-H Connect by this date. All pictures must be received by the due date and in the specified format or the entry will be disqualified.

Entry fees for the District contest are \$8.00 per person plus \$.50 per photo. You will be notified as soon as the contest registration becomes available on 4-H Connect.

Entries will be showcased in a running slide presentation during District Roundup on April 25, 2015. Selected photos will also be used on the District 5 website and may be used for marketing and promotion efforts.

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# 2015 DISTRICT 5 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

***This is NOT a qualifying event for the State 4-H Photography Contest.***

## **RULES:**

1. State 4-H Photography judging criteria will be used except as stated in this memorandum.
2. This contest is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the third grade through 18 years of age, as of August 31, 2014.
3. Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members since January 1, 2014.
4. All entries for the 2015 District 5 4-H Photography Contest will be completed using the 4-H Connect system and e-mail. Please read and follow the submission guidelines very carefully to ensure correct entry classification.

### Formatting Your Photograph:

Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif formation. Files submitted may not be larger than 2,048k (2MB). Best of Show winners may be asked to submit a high-resolution file or an original negative, print, or slide.

### Labeling/Naming Your Photograph:

Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the category, county, last name, and first name. File name should include an “\_” between each of the items, category\_county\_last\_first.jpg.

*Example: John Smith from Dallas County entering the Details & Marco category would upload a file labeled: “Details\_Dallas\_Smith\_John.jpg”*

Please use the following labels for the categories:

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC	Domestic	MARINE/AQUATICS	Marine
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE	Wildlife	NATURE/LANDSCAPE	Nature
CATCH ALL	All	NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY	Night
DETAILS & MACROS	Details	PEOPLE	People
DIGITAL DARKROOM	Darkroom	PLANT/FLORA	Plant
DOMINANT COLOR	Dominant	STORY BOARD	Story
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Elements	THEME	Theme
FOOD	Food		

### E-mailing Photographs:

In the subject line of the e-mail, include the name of the 4-H member and their county. Example— Member Name, Clover County. Please make sure the photograph(s) is attached before sending. No text is needed in the body of the e-mail. E-mails can come from personal e-mail addresses as well as county Extension office e-mails. Send photographs to [d54h@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:d54h@ag.tamu.edu) .

5. A 4-H'er may have one entry in each category for a total of 15 entries.
6. Black & White pictures and Color pictures will be judged together. There is not a separate division for Black & White photos.
7. Entries must arrive in the district office **no later than February 25, 2015**. Photos will be judged prior to District 5 4-H Roundup so that awards can be distributed during Roundup. Contestants DO NOT have to be present at any time during the judging or awards presentation.

8. Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, class description or general guidelines will be disqualified. The judges' decisions are final.
9. Photos may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Photography Contest. A single photo may not be entered in multiple divisions or classes (IE: the same original cannot be duplicated in multiple divisions).
10. By submitting an entry to the contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H and Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the D5 4-H and Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation.

## **CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS**

### **ANIMALS – DOMESTIC**

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Ducks (domestic use), Hamsters.

### **ANIMALS - WILDLIFE**

Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.

### **CATCH-ALL**

Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SX-70 images, hand colored photos.

Examples include: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.

### **DETAILS & MACRO**

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category).

Examples include: detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up - anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include parts of a flower bloom, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.

### **DIGITAL DARKROOM**

Photos are for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop®.

Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here.

Examples include: Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.

### **DOMINANT COLOR**

Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.

Example includes: bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sun lighting on it.

## ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.

Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern.

## FOOD

Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. **NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED!**

Examples include: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.

## MARINE/AQUATIC

Photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water.

Examples include: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, etc.

## NATURE & LANDSCAPE

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

Examples include: Landscapes, Scenics, Outdoors.

## NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn (this category does not include sunsets and sunrises - those photos are to be entered into nature & landscape). Generally these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as long as the focus is on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph.

Examples include: fireworks, lighting on buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.

## PEOPLE

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. See Rule #10.

Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports.

## PLANT/FLORA

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.

Examples include: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.

## STORYBOARD

A storyboard is one digital entry (one photo) that contains three smaller images and minimal text that tells a story. The story should be easily understood by the viewer. This entry is one single file.

Example include: Three images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with the title of "Beginning of Beauty".

## THEME

Theme photo focuses on a subject announced and outlined in the contest rules and guidelines. For 2014-15 the theme is "Inspiration" This year theme will focus on subjects that move and inspire you. Entries can include photos of leaders, mentors, family, friends, things in your community, school, church, or across the country and world.

Certain description terminology used from betterphoto.com photo contest category page.

<http://www.betterphoto.com/contest/categories.asp>